

WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS
11/20/18

MAJOR MILESTONE REPORT – 11/20/18

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Likely in January 2019

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February 2019

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Beyond February 2019

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CLEAN AIR AND SUSTAINABILITY DIVISION

Hot Issues:

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Limetree Bay Terminal (LBT) has not submitted its application for a Plantwide Applicability Limit permit by mid-November as it had previously indicated. The PAL permit action is subject to Executive Order 12898 which requires an EJ analysis on all federal permit actions. A conference call among OAQPS, OGC and Region 2 (CASD-APB and ORC) took place on 11/15/2018 to discuss who would conduct the EJ analysis and what information is needed from LBT for the analysis.

Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process

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During the national call on LBT on the same day, all Offices (Office of Environmental Justice (OEJ), OP, OGC, OAR, and Region 2) agreed that an EJ analysis would be required prior to issuing a PAL permit to LBT. Region 2 indicated that it had performed EJ analyses for other permit actions

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CARIBBEAN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION

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CLEAN WATER DIVISION

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DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE AND ASSESSMENT

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EMERGENCY AND REMEDIAL RESPONSE DIVISION

Hot Issues:

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OFFICE OF POLICY AND MANAGEMENT

OPM has no weekly report. Thanks.

OFFICE OF REGIONAL COUNSEL

Past Week:

Discussions are ongoing between EPA and Limetree regarding various regulatory issues that may be applicable to the projects the company wishes to undertake on St. Croix. ORC is coordinating closely with CASD, DECA, HQ offices and DOJ. At the same time, Limetree announced on November 16, 2018 that it has reached a “definitive agreement” with British Petroleum. Under the agreement, BP would be

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the supplier of crude oil while Limetree would refine the finished product. BP will possess no ownership interest in the refinery on St. Croix. It is reported that the agreement will bring an estimated \$775 million in revenues to the Virgin Islands Government over the next ten years, of which more than \$600 million will be new revenues generated entirely by the refinery. Those revenues are in addition to the economic benefits to be conferred upon the Territory by the direct capital investments to be made by Limetree. Governor Mapp has proposed that half of all revenues generated from oil refining be directed to the Government Employees Retirement System, as a significant cash infusion is necessary for the system to remain solvent. VI senators have not yet acted on this measure.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS DIVISION

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC PROGRAMS

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Other Items of Special Interest:

Enforcement Report

No weekly report this week.